



Child Care Taskforce Meeting

January 20th, 2022

Taskforce Members Present:

- Commissioner Clarence Carter (DHS) (Virtual)
- Commissioner Jeff McCord (DLWD)
- Jamie Stitt: Designee for Commissioner Bob Rolfe (DECD)
- Misty Moody: Designee for Commissioner Penny Schwinn (Education)
- Sarah Sanders: Designee for Commissioner Lisa Piercey (TDH)
- Senator Becky Massey
- Phil Acord
- Pat Sheehy
- Chloe Moore
- Blair Taylor
- Ryan Hughes (Virtual)
- Jeremy Biggs (Virtual)

Staff Present:

- Jude White (Virtual)
- Gwen Laaser (Virtual)
- Eric Dunn
- Dakota Simpson
- Suzanne Carr
- Michelle Joyner
- Trevor Lauri
- Cherrell Campbell-Street

Taskforce Members

Absent:

- Representative Patsy Hazelwood

1:07 p.m. Welcome and DOHR Introductions

Vice-Chair Taylor welcomed the group and initiated the roll call. Department of Human Resources (DOHR) facilitators Jennifer Harris Brown and Carlos Holmes introduced themselves to the Task Force and recapped the groups previous activity from the December 2021 Task Force Meeting.

1:10 p.m. DOHR Facilitated Discussion

Jennifer and Carlos asked the group to take the eleven “buckets” from the previous months activity and start to collapse or combine them into focus areas for the consultant that will join the Task Force in February 2022. The results are included in the deliverable from DOHR.

2:15 p.m. DOHR Facilitated Activity

Jennifer and Carlos had the Task Force split into three groups to identify what the future-state of quality, access, and affordability for child care could look like in Tennessee. The groups presented their discussions to larger group. The results are included in the deliverable from DOHR.

3:37 p.m. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m. The next Child Care Task Force meeting will take place on February 17th, 2022.